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Hello again and welcome to the tenth time-traveling, toe-tapping issue of **DOCTOR WHO**. Grab a bowl of jelly babies and get set to enjoy this issue's double dose of the Doctor, plus two more thrilling chapters of **Absolom Daak** (pronounced Dark), **Dalek-killer**.

In case you've been taking a holiday on Fang Rock, this is the magazine which runs the official comic book adventures (which were originally published in black and white, in Marvel's British **DOCTOR WHO WEEKLY**) of everyone's favorite Time Lord and star of the British Broadcasting Company's longest-running television show. If you're lucky, a local TV station in your area may be carrying the show. If not, write to your favorite local station and demand your *Doctor Who*.

Last issue, I mentioned that I was a guest at the 1984 Thanksgiving Creation Convention. The photo above shows just how intensely the audience was hanging on to my every word. Seriously, it was a great experience and very educational. I got the chance to finally talk face to face with the people who buy this magazine. I learned that there was a lot of interest in seeing a regular news column in these pages, so we started a news column last issue. While I was on stage I asked the audience to indicate by a show of hands how many of them had seen an episode of *Star Trek*. Every hand went up. How many had seen an episode of *Doctor Who*? Every hand went up. How many had seen every episode of *Star Trek*? Every hand went up. How many had seen every episode of *Doctor Who*? Over twenty hands went up and I nearly fell out of my seat! That's over twenty years of *Doctor Who* they each saw — many episodes which are no longer thought to even exist! Then I really got down to business. I asked how many of them picked up this comic every month. About a third of the room raised their hands. I asked them if they liked it. The same people again raised their hands and I felt good. I asked how many of them knew there even was a **DOCTOR WHO** comic book and the same third again raised their hands. I was feeling great now. I asked

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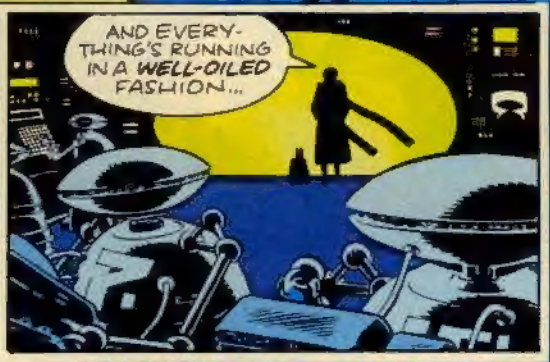
UNLESS, HA, HA, THEY'RE MOVING IN ANOTHER DIMENSION! NOW FOR SOME MORE MUSIC...
THE TARDIS SEEMS TO HAVE GOT A BIT OF A RATTLE, K-9...

EITHER THAT, OR WE'VE RUN INTO SOMETHING SO UNPLEASANTLY ENERGETIC...

THAT IT'S RIPPING THE WHOLE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM APART...
I THINK WE'D BETTER MAKE FOR THE NEAREST PLANET...

AND FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON...

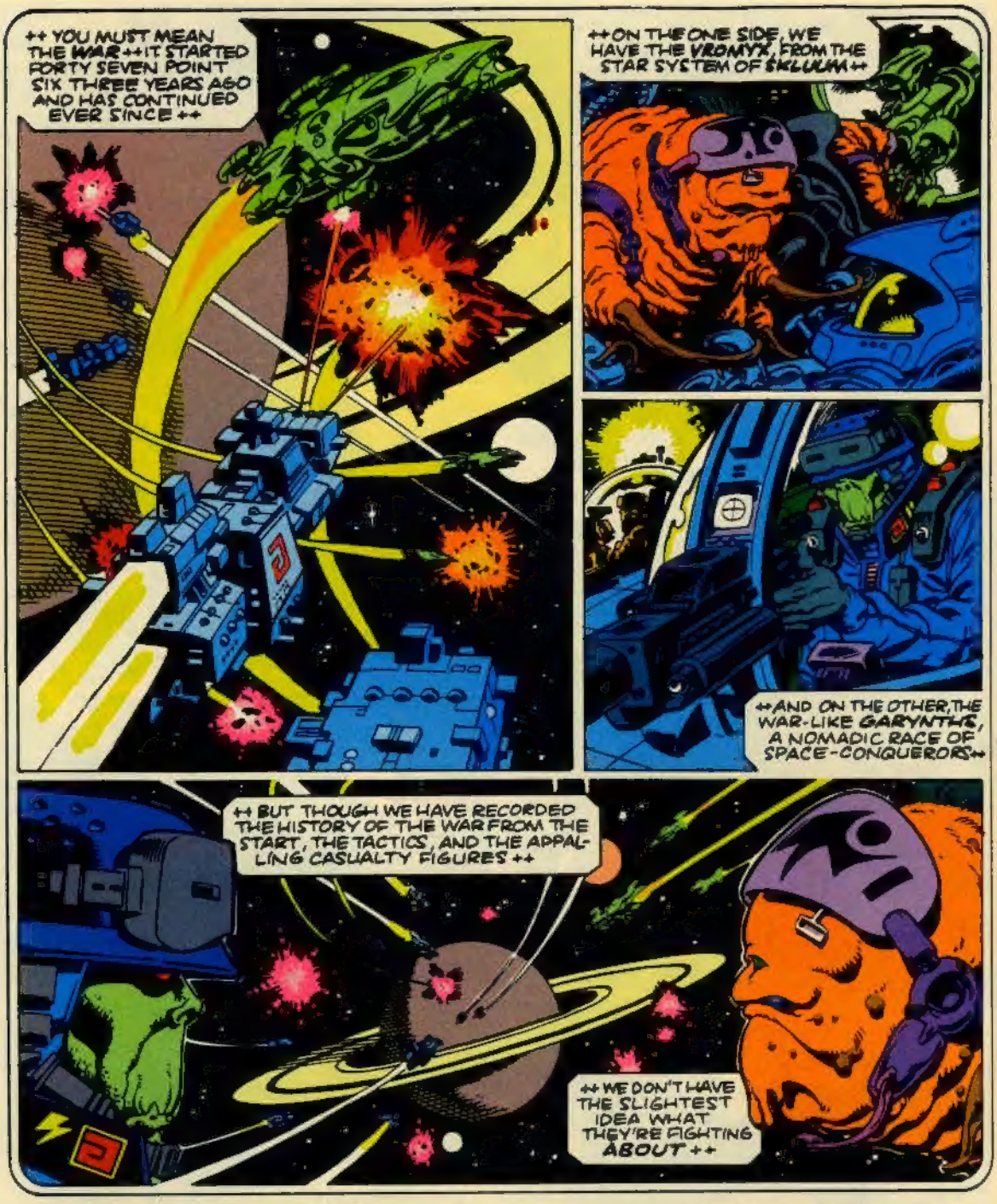
COME ON, K-9 ...AT LEAST IT'S QUIET HERE!

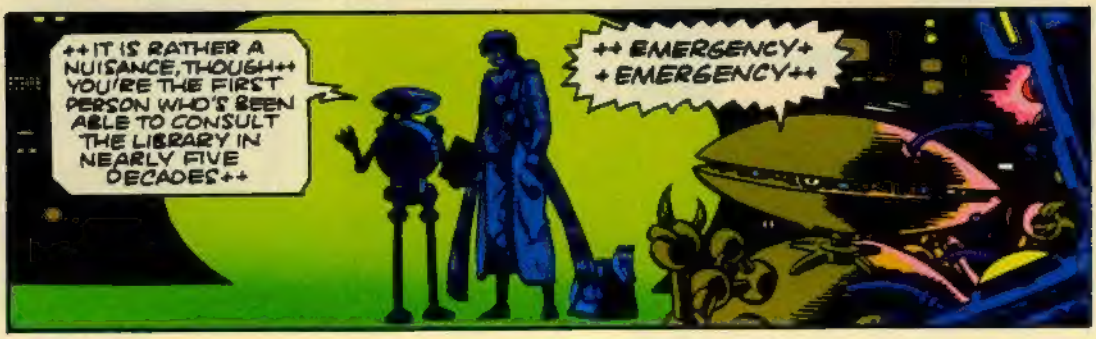

AND EVERY-THING'S RUNNING IN A WELL-OILED FASHION...

BUT FOR THE LIFE OF ME, I DON'T KNOW WHAT...
++WELCOME TO BIBLIOS, THE LIBRARY WORLD++ PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR NAME ++

OH, HELLO! I'M THE DOCTOR FROM GALLIFREY..
++ONE MOMENT THEN, SIR++
++ALL THE DATA IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSE IS STORED HERE++
ALL OF IT?
YOU MEAN THE WHOLE PLANET'S ONE HUGE LIBRARY?
++QUITE SO++
++AND NOW, DOCTOR, A TIME LORD FROM GALLIFREY++

++THIS IS YOUR LIFE++
GOOD LORD! >CHOKE<
++YOU WERE BORN AT AN EARLY AGE++
NO, NO! FORGET MY LIFE... WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SPACE NEAR HERE?


++ YOU MUST MEAN THE WAR ++ IT STARTED FORTY SEVEN POINT SIX THREE YEARS AGO AND HAS CONTINUED EVER SINCE ++
++ ON THE ONE SIDE, WE HAVE THE VROMYX, FROM THE STAR SYSTEM OF SKLULM ++
++ AND ON THE OTHER, THE WAR-LIKE GARYNTHS, A NOMADIC RACE OF SPACE-CONQUERORS ++
++ BUT THOUGH WE HAVE RECORDED THE HISTORY OF THE WAR FROM THE START, THE TACTICS, AND THE APPALLING CASUALTY FIGURES ++
++ WE DON'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHAT THEY'RE FIGHTING ABOUT ++


++ IT IS RATHER A NUISANCE, THOUGH ++ YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON WHO'S BEEN ABLE TO CONSULT THE LIBRARY IN NEARLY FIVE DECADES ++
++ EMERGENCY + + EMERGENCY ++

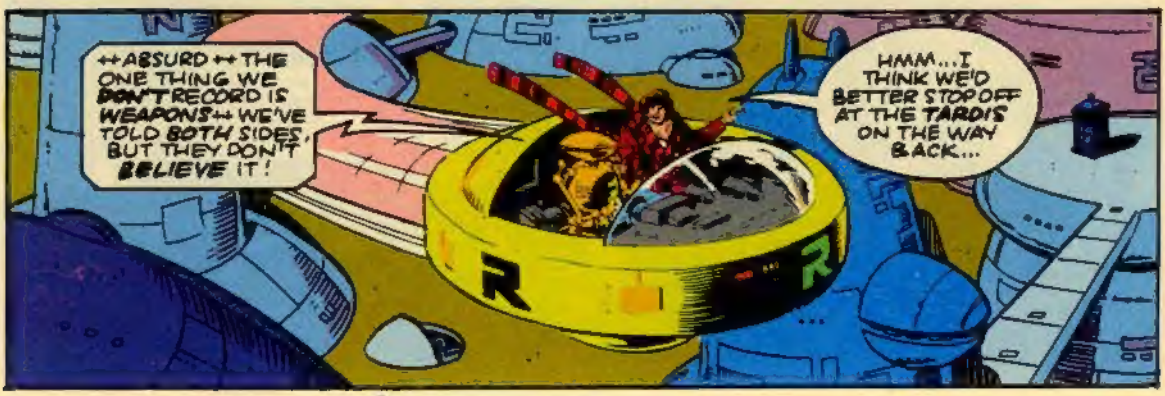
++ VROMYX COMBAT SHIP, GAMMA CLASS++
++UNAUTHORISED ATMOSPHERIC ENTRY++
++COMPUTING POINT OF IMPACT++
++DAMAGE++ SECTION A-417++TERRAN RECORDS ++SUB-SECTION Z-ZZZ++ TWENTIETH CENTURY ENGLAND ++
++PARLIAMENTARY SPEECHES++ TOTALLY DESTROYED++
WELL, AT LEAST IT WASN'T ANYTHING IMPORTANT..!
++EVEN THE MOST TRIVIAL ITEMS SHOULD BE PRESERVED, DOCTOR++
AND SO SHOULD THAT PILOT... COME ON, LET'S GO AND SEE IF HE SURVIVED...
++SUCH CRASHES HAVE CAUSED DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS TWENTY THREE TIMES NOW++
++EACH DAY WE REQUEST AN END TO THE WAR, OR THAT THE OPPONENTS SHOULD FIGHT ELSEWHERE++
BUT NOT BEING ROBOTS LIKE YOU, THEY WON'T LISTEN TO REASON...
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN LUCK ...HE'S ALIVE!
UGLY ...BUT ALIVE!

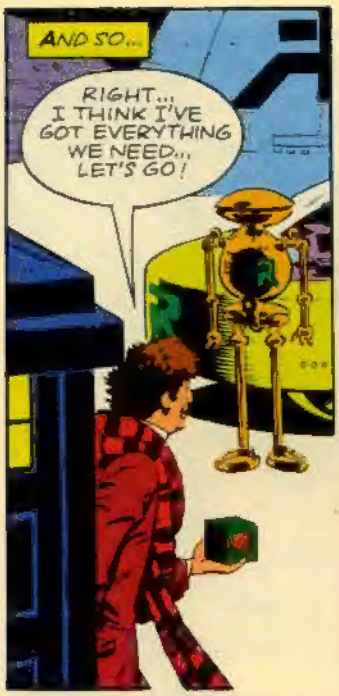
THERE'S A MEDI-ROBOT ON THE WAY ... ARE YOU HURT?
I'M FEELING SICK ...I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING AS REPULSIVE AS YOU BEFORE!

SORRY I ASKED! BUT TELL ME...WHY ARE YOU AND THE GARYNTHS FIGHTING EACH OTHER?
FOR THE KNOWLEDGE HERE ON BIBLIOS...THE GREATEST TREASURE IN THE UNIVERSE!
++RIDICULOUS++ ANYONE CAN CONSULT THE LIBRARY QUITE FREELY++

THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T LET THE GARYNTHS COME HERE! AND ONCE WE GET THE DATA ON SUPER-WEAPONS...
WE'LL DESTROY THEM!

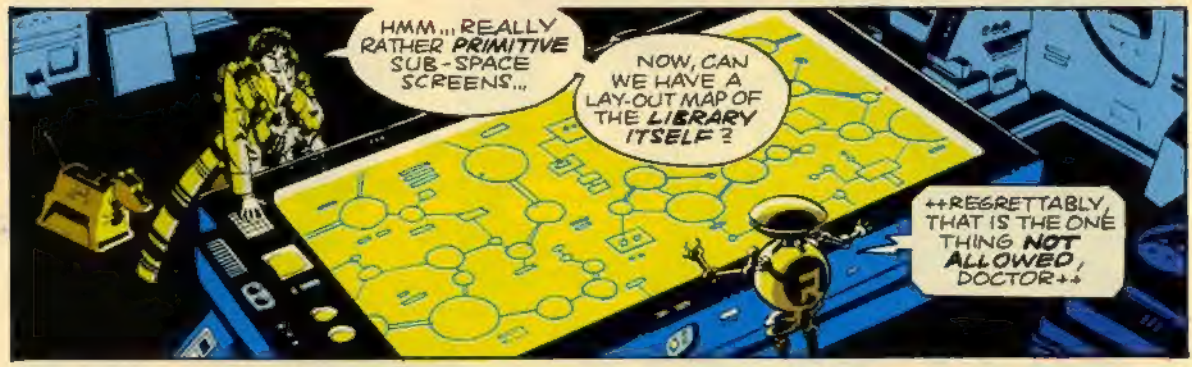
++ONE SIDE++ LET ME AT THE PATIENT++ HE'S OBVIOUSLY DELIRIOUS++
SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE GETTING THE BRUSH-OFF! COME ON, LET'S GET BACK TO THE MAIN DATA-BANK...


++ABSURD++ THE ONE THING WE DON'T RECORD IS WEAPONS++ WE'VE TOLD BOTH SIDES, BUT THEY DON'T BELIEVE IT!
HMM...I THINK WE'D BETTER STOP OFF AT THE TARDIS ON THE WAY BACK...


AND SO...
RIGHT... I THINK I'VE GOT EVERYTHING WE NEED... LET'S GO!

TELL ME, CAN YOU GIVE ME CIRCUIT-DIAGRAMS FOR THE VROMYX AND GARYNTH COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES?
++CERTAINLY++ BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DOCTOR++

TRYING TO STOP A WAR, THAT'S WHAT!


HMM... REALLY RATHER PRIMITIVE SUB-SPACE SCREENS...
NOW, CAN WE HAVE A LAY-OUT MAP OF THE LIBRARY ITSELF?
++REGRETTABLY, THAT IS THE ONE THING NOT ALLOWED, DOCTOR++

OH WELL, TOO BAD!
HANG ON... HAVE YOU GOT A LOOSE JOINT, THERE?
++IMPOSSIBLE++ I'VE JUST HAD MY MY TWO THOUSAND YEAR SERVICE++

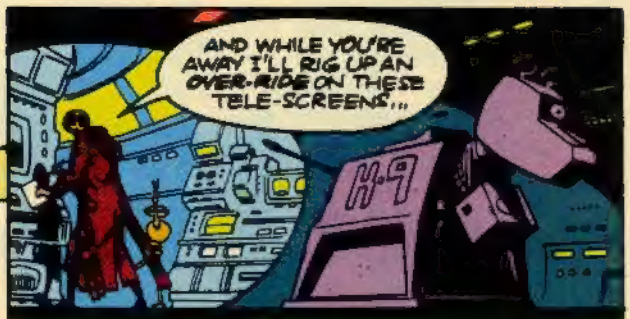
CAN'T HAVE YOU GOING AROUND WITH A SCREW LOOSE, CAN WE?
++BUT++ ++IT'S++

OH DEAR! I SEEM TO HAVE OVERLOADED YOUR MOTOR-CIRCUITS! I'LL JUST SORT OUT THIS OTHER STUFF FIRST...
++IMPOS--

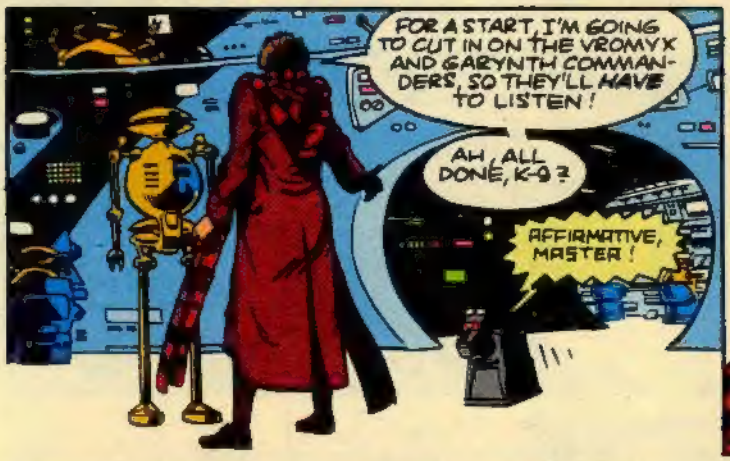
DON'T, ER, MOVE, WILL YOU!
NOW, K-9, YOU CAN GET ME THAT MAP, CAN'T YOU!
K-9

AH, YES ...LIKE THEY SAY, THIS MUST BE THE PLACE!

OFF YOU GO, K-9... AND DELIVER THIS TO MAP CO-ORDINATES 727, 847...
AFFIRMATIVE, MASTER!


AND WHILE YOU'RE AWAY I'LL RIG UP AN OVER-RIDE ON THESE TELE-SCREENS...
K-9

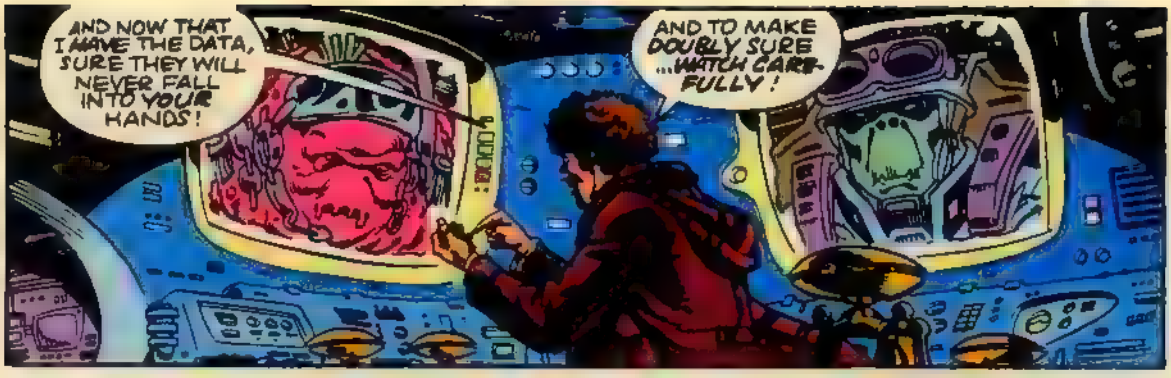
FIVE MINUTES LATER...
NOW, LET'S GET YOU FIXED UP AGAIN...
--SIBLE++ WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING, DOCTOR++

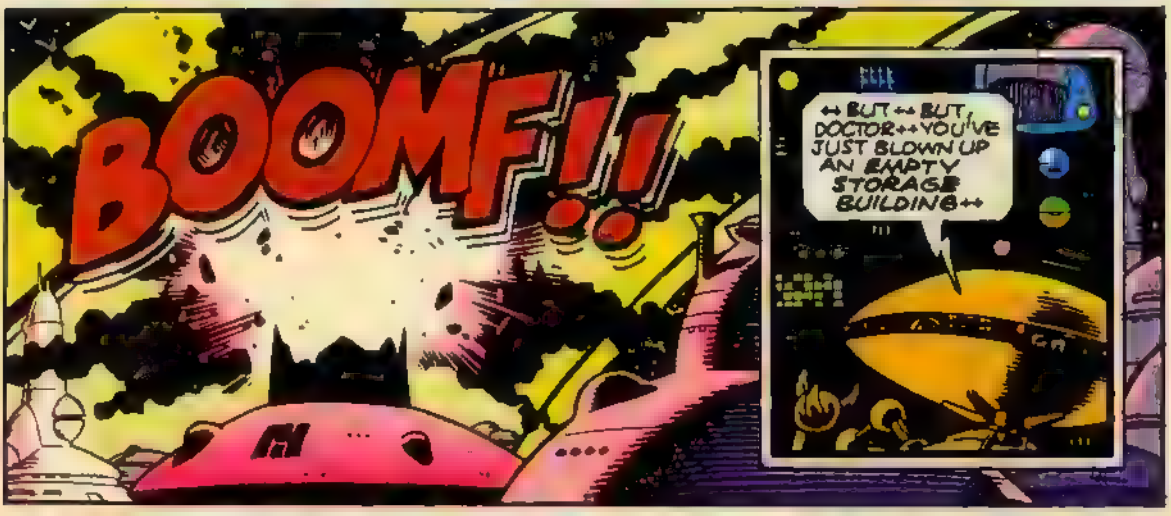

FOR A START, I'M GOING TO CUT IN ON THE VROMYX AND GARYNTH COMMANDERS, SO THEY'LL HAVE TO LISTEN!
AH, ALL DONE, K-9?
AFFIRMATIVE, MASTER!

GOOD! LET'S SPIN THEM A YARN, THEN!

AND...
LISTEN! I AM THE MIGHTY DOCTOR! PASSING THROUGH YOUR BLOCKADE WAS CHILD'S PLAY TO A POWERFUL WAR-LORD LIKE ME!

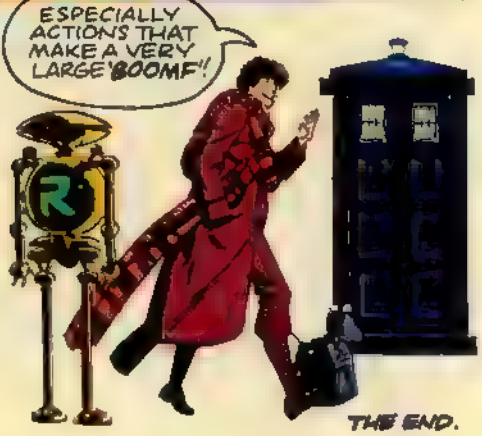
SO WAS FORCING THESE STUPID ROBOTS TO REVEAL THEIR SUPER-WEAPON DATA STORE TO ME! IT IS IN THIS BUILDING, AT 727, 847!


AND NOW THAT I HAVE THE DATA, SURE THEY WILL NEVER FALL INTO YOUR HANDS!
AND TO MAKE DOUBLY SURE ...WATCH CARE-FULLY!


BOOMF!!
++BUT ++BUT, DOCTOR++YOU'VE JUST BLOWN UP AN EMPTY STORAGE BUILDING++

I KNOW ..THAT'S WHY I CHOSE IT! BUT THEY DON'T KNOW THAT!
AND NOW THEY THINK THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO FIGHT FOR, THEY'LL PULL OUT...

++BUT WHY DID THEY BELIEVE YOU, AND NOT US++ WE TOLD THEM++
WELL, YOU KNOW ...'ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS'!


ESPECIALLY ACTIONS THAT MAKE A VERY LARGE 'BOOMF'!
THE END.

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THE SHIP IS THE TERRAN SURVEY VESSEL EXCELSIOR (COMMANDER LOUIS B FREDERIC AT THE HELM) THE PLANET'S SIMPLY KNOWN AS UX-4732. AND NOW THEY MAKE...

CONTACT!

IT IS THREE YEARS SINCE THE EXCELSIOR LEFT EARTH...

DRAW SIDE-ARMS, SERGEANT RANDALL ... FULL ALERT!

TWENTY YEARS SINCE FREDERIC JOINED THE SURVEY CORPS...

AND HE'S JUST ABOUT HAD ENOUGH!

PLACE SMELLS LIKE A BLASTED COMPOST HEAP!

COMMANDER ... LOOK!

WHAT IN BLAZES IS THAT?

GET DOWN THERE AND FIND OUT, SERGEANT!

HELLO THERE!

I SEE IT...BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

ALL RIGHT, HOLMES.. WHO, OR WHAT, IS THIS?

SAYS HE'S JUST A VISITOR, SIR...BEEN HERE A COUPLE OF HOURS...

FASCINATING PLACE...THERE'S A VILLAGE JUST OVER THE RISE...

GET THIS STRAIGHT, MISTER! I'M IN COMMAND HERE...AND WE DO THINGS BY THE BOOK! WE GO WHERE I SAY!

NOW, WHERE'S THIS VILLAGE?

THERE... LOVELY LITTLE PLACE...
I DON'T LIKE IT... IT'S TOO QUIET!
RIGHT, CHECK YOUR BLASTERS, MEN...
NO NEED, COMMANDER... THEY'RE QUITE HARMLESS..
I'LL DECIDE THAT... AFTER WE'VE MADE OFFICIAL CONTACT!
GREETINGS! WE COME FROM..
HEY! YOU'RE NOT LISTENING!
WHY DON'T YOU TRY 'TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER'?
WHY, OF ALL THE BLASTED, INSULTING..
OH, DON'T FEEL SO BAD ... THEY'RE COMPLETELY DEAF AND DUMB!
MEANWHILE, NEARBY
LOOKS PERFECT... THEY JUST SIT AROUND AND EAT ALL DAY...
YEAH. LOOKS PRETTY IDYLLIC TO ME, TOO!

AND THEN...

HEY, LOOK! A HUNTING PARTY COMING IN! GUESS THERE'S GOING TO BE A FEAST!

HMM, THAT'S ODD! I THOUGHT THEY WERE VEGETARIANS!

LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S MOVING OUT! RANDALL, HOLMES! WE'RE FOLLOWING!

AND, IN A SMALL VALLEY NOT FAR FROM THE VILLAGE..

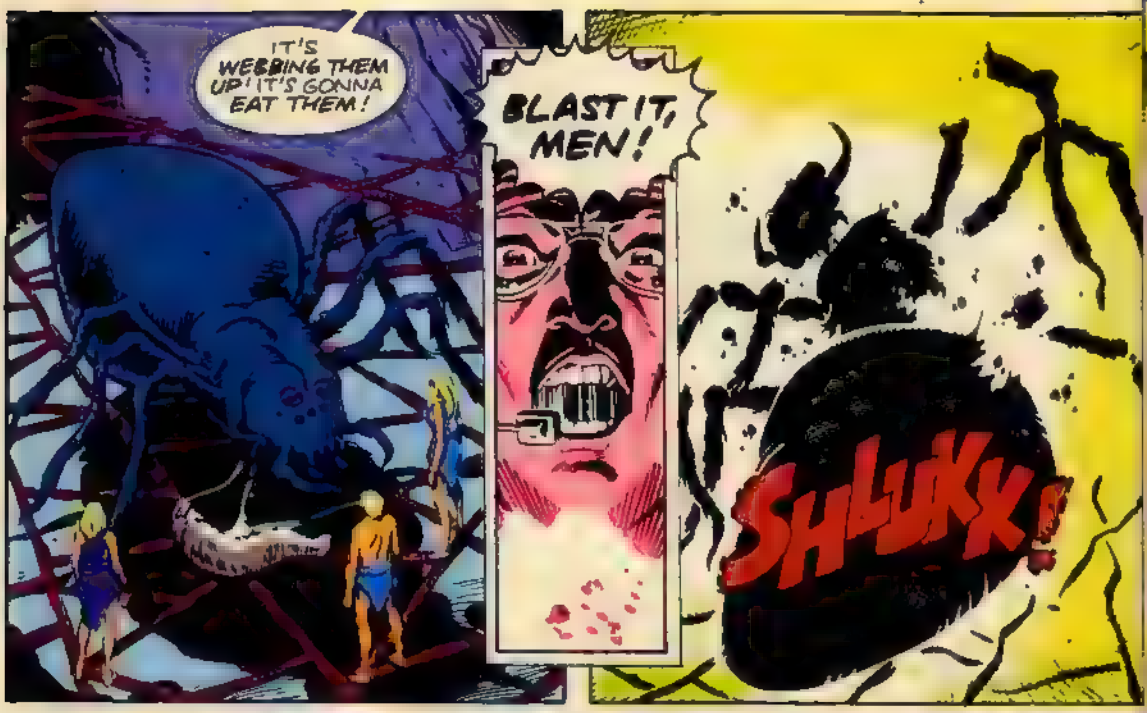
STRANGE PLACE...THAT SLAB OF ROCK LOOKS LIKE AN ALTAR!

SOME KIND OF RELIGIOUS RITE! THEY CERTAINLY LOOK HAPPY ABOUT IT...

ER...HEY, GUYS...LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE STANDING ON A

SPIDER-WEB!

OH, LORD! THEY'RE SACRIFICING THEMSELVES! THAT SPIDER...


IT'S WEBBING THEM UP! IT'S GONNA EAT THEM!
BLAST IT, MEN!
SHLUKK!

ER... I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE THAT.'

IN FACT I'M SURE YOU SHOULDN'T!

MINUTES LATER...
BACK INTO THE SHIP, MEN! WE'LL RESTART OPERATIONS IN THE MORNING!

SO MUCH FOR THEM NOT BEING HOSTILE! WE'RE DOING THINGS MY WAY NOW!
WELL, YOU DID DESTROY THEIR GOD! YOU CAN'T BLAME THEM!

BUT NEXT MORNING, SOON AFTER SUNRISE
HEY, COMMANDER! THE VILLAGE IS DESERTED! THEY'VE ALL CLEARED OUT!
ALL RIGHT, RANDALL! TAKE THE SCOUTER AND FIND THEM!
TAKE THE DOCTOR, TOO. SHOW HIM HOW A REAL SURVEY TEAM WORKS!
GIANT SPIDERS ...HUGE BUTTERFLIES, ...THE WHOLE BLAMED BUG-HATCH GIVES ME THE CREEPS!
BUT, BEFORE TOO LONG
ANOTHER VILLAGE TWO MILES SOUTH, COMMANDER, WITH SPIDERS ...IN FACT...
THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!
CAN WE GO DOWN AND TAKE A LOOK ROUND, SERGEANT?
AND SO...
WHAT'VE YOU FOUND, DOC? EGGS?
LOOKS LIKE IT ...AND THIS ONE'S...
HATCHING!
OH, MY STARS!!

COME ON, SERGEANT! BACK TO THE SHIP! I'VE GOT TO TALK TO FREDERIC!
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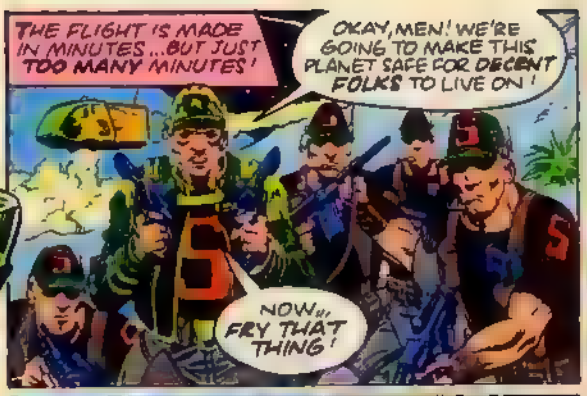
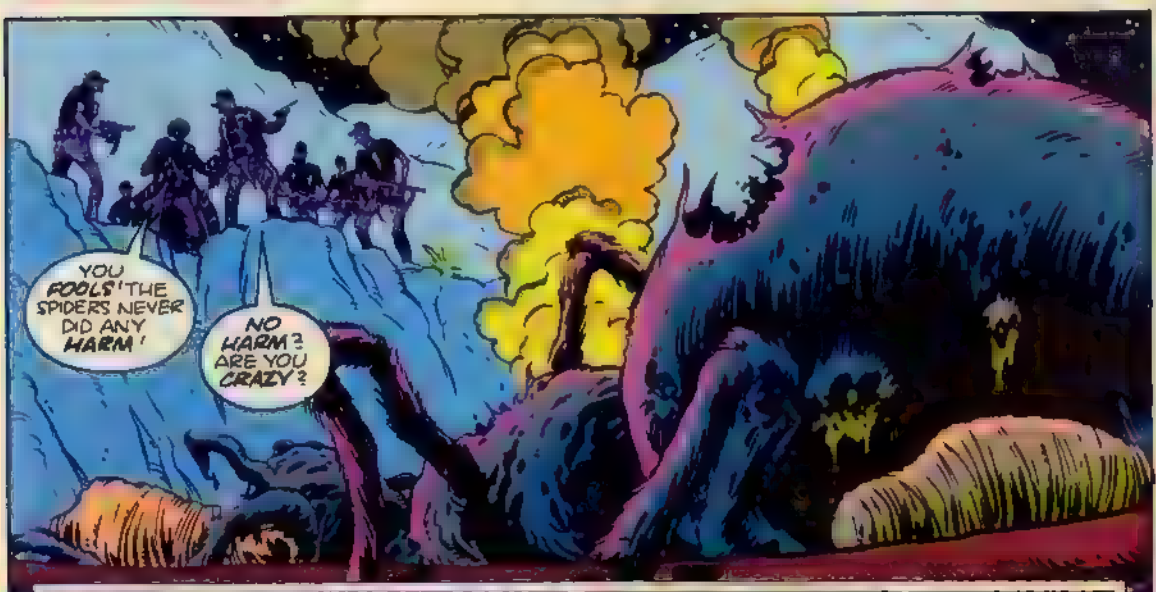
BUT...
WE'RE AT THAT VILLAGE YOU SPOTTED, RANDALL...JOIN US THERE!
OH, NO ...WHAT'S HE UP TO NOW?


THE FLIGHT IS MADE IN MINUTES...BUT JUST TOO MANY MINUTES!
OKAY, MEN! WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THIS PLANET SAFE FOR DECENT FOLKS TO LIVE ON!
NOW... FRY THAT THING!

STOP! YOU DON'T REALISE WHAT YOU'RE DOING!


YOU FOOLS! THE SPIDERS NEVER DID ANY HARM!
NO HARM? ARE YOU CRAZY?

THEY EAT PEOPLE!
NO, THEY DON'T! THEY EAT THE ANIMALS LEFT ON THE ALTARS!

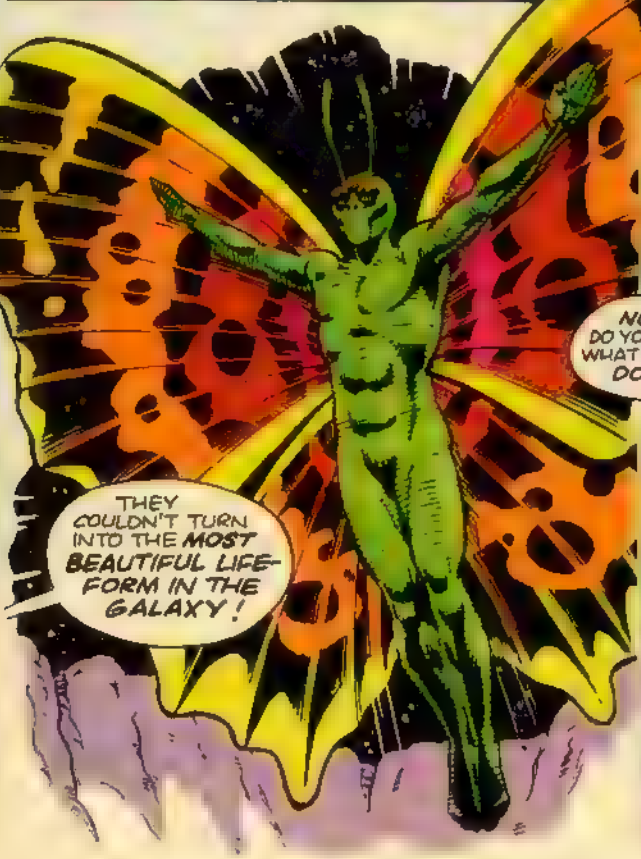
BESIDES ...THE VILLAGERS AREN'T HUMAN!
THEY HATCH FROM EGGS!

BUT LOOK AT THOSE COCOONS!
NO, YOU LOOK AT THOSE COCOONS!

THEY'RE NOT PEOPLE... THEY'RE LARVAE ...LIKE CATER-PILLARS...

BUT THEY CAN'T SPIN COCOONS THEMSELVES, SO IN RETURN FOR THE MEAT...

THE SPIDERS DO IT FOR THEM! AND WITHOUT THE SPIDERS...


THEY COULDN'T TURN INTO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LIFE-FORM IN THE GALAXY!

NOW DO YOU SEE WHAT YOU'VE DONE?

THE END.

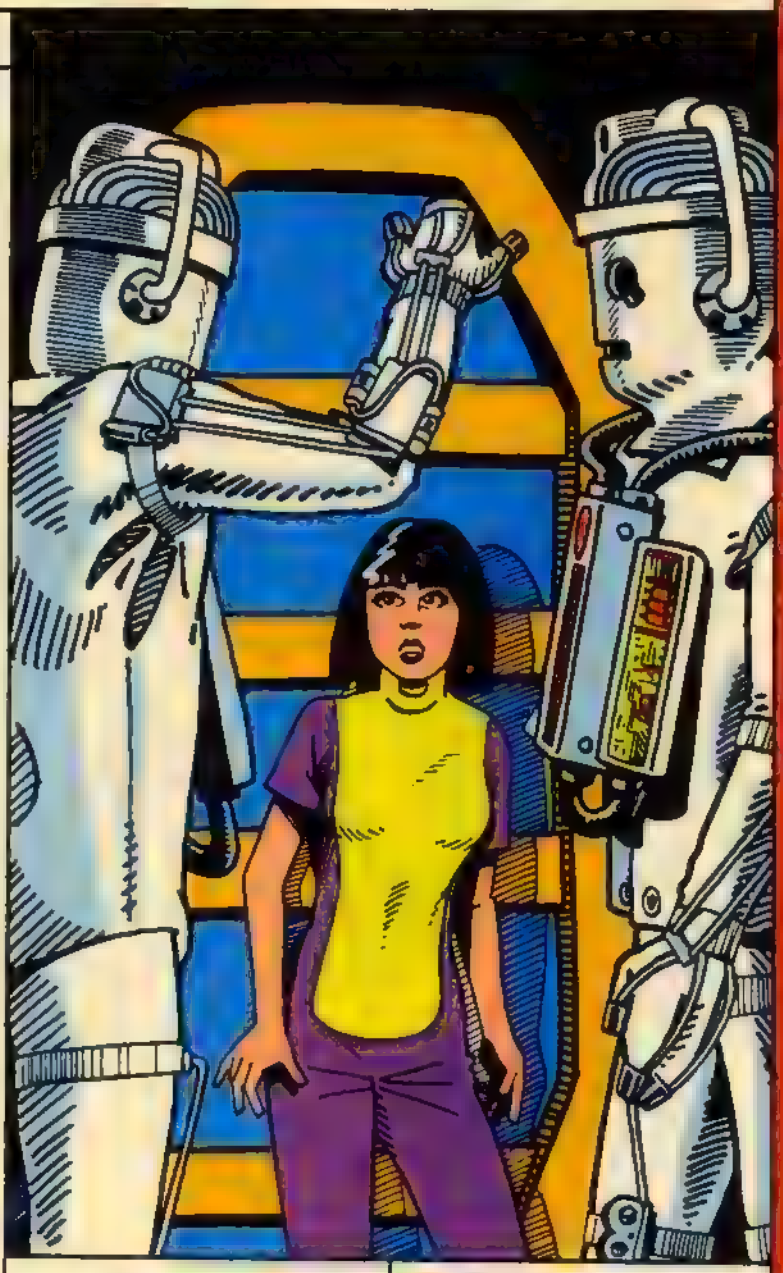
Illustrations by Ron Zaime

A PROBABLE HISTORY OF THE CYBERMEN

by **Patrick Daniel O'Neill**

Though never as popular as their predecessors, **the Daleks**, **the Cybermen** are another in the long line of mechanical foes of **the Doctor**. They were introduced in the last story starring **the First Doctor, William Hartnell**, in 1966 ("The Tenth Planet"), and of the next four actors to play the role, only **Jon Pertwee** never faced them. While the history of **the Cybermen** is not quite the jumble that **the Daleks'** is, it is probably useful to put their appearances on *Doctor Who* in (Once some kind of order again, I am indebted to **Jean-Marc Lofficier** and the *Doctor Who Programme Guide* for the initial research for this history.)

The Cybermen originated on the planet Mondas, Earth's twin, orbiting the sun forever 180 degrees away from our home planet, and thus never seen by humans. That is, until the 1980s (the history of the Earth in the *Doctor Who* universe being somewhat different from our own), when **the Cybermen** began draining energy from Earth. Once organic, **the Cybermen** have, over time, replaced their bodies with plastic and steel to make them invulnerable and immune to disease. This has also made them ruthless and unemotional, for without the organic nature of their bodies, all the finer sensibilities have been destroyed. Their plan is to take control of Earth and destroy it before Mondas is destroyed in turn, and bring the Earth's humans to Mondas to become **Cybermen**. Their attack begins at a South Pole base as **the Cybermen** set up a Z-bomb to blow up the planet. **The Doctor** and his companions outwit them by causing Mondas to absorb too much energy and explode. The invading **Cybermen** die without Mondas's energy to sustain them. (*The Tenth Planet*)



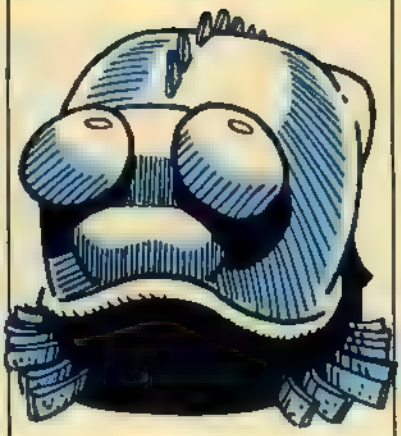
With Earth facing increasing danger from alien attack as it makes its first ventures into space (and perhaps because of **the Doctor's** frequent presence on the planet), the United Nations establishes the intelligence Taskforce (**UNIT**), to deal with the problem. Heading UNIT's British forces is **Brigadier Alastair Lethbridge-Stewart**, who faces his baptism of fire when **the Cybermen** paralyze the planet's population and invade through the sewers! Mankind is unaware of the survival of any **Cybermen** until this time, believing they were all destroyed when Mondas exploded. (Not until some 500 years later will they learn of **Telos**, the cyborg race's new home.) In this invasion, **the Cybermen** are aided by a treacherous human industrialist named **Tobias Vaughn**. **The Doctor** and **UNIT** destroy **the Cybermen** paralysis weapon (hidden on the far side of

the Moon) with a missile, and then blow up the last of the Cyberfleet. (*The Invasion*)

In the late 1990s, mankind's space exploration had led to a giant space station. But exploration also leads to further encounters with alien races, among them the still hostile **Cybermen**, who invade the station called the Wheel in Space, using **Cybermats** (rodent-like robots). **The Doctor** and his companions destroy the invading Cyberfleet. (*The Wheel in Space*)

By 2070, mankind has established a base on the Moon, from which it is using the Gravitron to control Earth's weather. In that year, disease breaks out among the Moonbase personnel, and problems begin plaguing the Gravitron. Topping it all off, **the Cybermen** return. They have kidnapped some of the Base personnel and plan to control them in order to destroy Earth by drastically altering its weather. They are also responsible for the disease. Only when **the Doctor** realizes that **Cybermen** are susceptible to gravity variations — that's why they need humans to run the Gravitron — are they defeated. The Time Lord turns the machine's effects onto the lunar surface, sending the Cyberships and all their crew off into deep space. (*The Moonbase*)

Beginning in the year 2400, after humankind has spread throughout the galaxy, in a vast empire, they come into ever greater conflict with **the Cybermen** empire. Finally, the Galactic



Cybermat

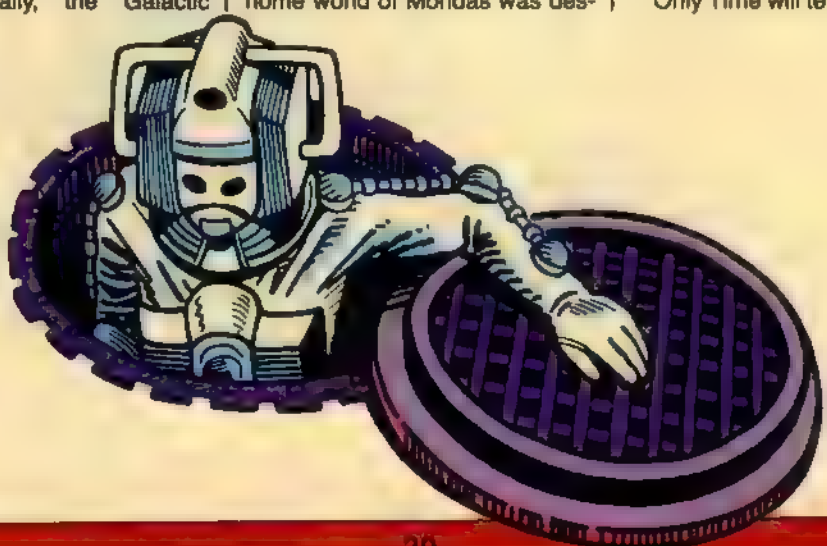
Cyberwars break out, enveloping inhabited space in the Milky Way for decades. In the end, **the Cybermen** are all but wiped out by humanity when the humans and their allies, **the Vogans**, use the vast gold resources of Voga to destroy them. (Gold dust adheres to **the Cyberman** respirators and effectively suffocates them.) Following the end of the wars, **the Vogans** move underground, and send their tiny planet on a trip through the void, in an effort to avoid further contacts with **Cybermen**, or with the human greed for gold. (Background info from **Revenge of the Cybermen**)

An archaeological expedition from Earth arrives on the planet Telos in 2450, to discover a tomb where some **Cybermen** are said to have been buried when their home world of Mondas was destroyed. **The Cybermen** are actually in cryogenic freeze and are accidentally awakened by the archaeologists' work. **The Cybermen** use **Cybermats** to attack the humans. **The Doctor** and his party manage to neutralize the **Cybermats** and re-freeze **the Cybermen**. (*The Tomb of the Cybermen*)

The few remaining **Cybermen** make one last desperate attempt to destroy the Earth in 2526 by using a pair of androids and a bomb. In a second try, involving a space freighter, **the Doctor**, his companions, the freighter crew, and **the Cybermen** are all sent to the distant past. **The Doctor's** young friend **Adric** must prevent the freighter from destroying the Earth in the age of dinosaurs. He succeeds, at the cost of his own life and that of all the giant saurians. (*Earthshock*)

About four hundred years later, Voga has drifted into Earth's solar system, and space station **Nerva** is built to act as a beacon warning space shipping away from it. The station is invaded by **Cybermats**, while a group of **Vogans** conspire with a human named **Kellman** to lure **the Cybermen** to Voga and their destruction. In turn, **the Cybermen** plan to eliminate the threat of Voga and its gold forever by obliterating the planet with an explosion at its core. **The Doctor** and his companions prevent Voga's destruction and aid in destroying **the Cybermen**, who are thought to be the last of their kind. (*Revenge of the Cybermen*)

Only Time will tell if that is true.



WHO KNOWS

A monthly report on happenings in the world of *Doctor Who*
by **Patrick Daniel O'Neill**

REMAINING PERTWEE STORIES IN U.S.

Good news for *Who* fans. The remaining ten *Doctor Who* stories starring **Jon Pertwee** as **the Third Doctor** have been released in the United States. This news comes from my good buddy, **Eric Luskin**, a producer for New Jersey network, which carries the program on Saturday nights. Eric says NJN began broadcasting the **Pertwee** stories, starting with the first, "Spearhead from Space," this month.

Previously, the U.S. distributor had only 14 **Pertwee** adventures available to stations carrying the show. For the record, here's a complete list of the stories featuring the **Third Doctor**, in order (a star indicates a program that is newly available):

Spearhead from Space*
The Silurians*
The Ambassadors of Death*
Inferno
Terror of the Autons*
The Mind of Evil*
The Claws of Axos
Colony in Space
The Daemons*
Day of the Daleks
The Curse of Peladon*
The Sea Devils
The Mutants
The Time Monster
The Three Doctors
Carnival of Monsters
Frontier in Space
Planet of the Daleks*
The Green Death
The Time Warrior
Invasion of the Dinosaurs*
Death to the Daleks
The Monster of Peladon
Planet of the Spiders

WHOVIAN FESTIVAL TOUR

It's now official — the Doctor Who Fan Club of America is beginning its 1985 Whovian Festival Tour in Philadelpha this month. Guests in Philadelphia are **Colin Baker** (the current **Doctor**) and producer **John Nathan-Turner**. Other cities for the Tour include Gainesville, Tallahassee, and Tampa, Fla.; Chicago; and Madison, Wisc. More cities will be added as the Tour progresses; check for local advertising and, of course, *Who Knows* will keep you informed. The Fan Club offers members a card, badge, quarterly newsletter, and discounts on tons of merchandise, all for just $5.00 a year. For more information write: Doctor Who Fan Club of America, P.O. Box 6024, Denver, CO 80206.

THE DOCTOR IS IN

The *Washington Post*, in its annual New Year's Day list of what's "In and Out," this year listed *Doctor Who* reruns as "In," as opposed to *M*A*S*H* reruns. And no, it is not true that the Capitol dome is bigger on the inside than the outside. And the *Wall Street Journal*, for January 3, 1985, printed the following article on the front page:

"Move over, Trekkies: *Doctor Who's* cult is growing — and spending.

"Product tie-ins galore sprout around the British-TV character, the object of a growing U.S. following . . . 'I've got anything but a complete line of *Doctor Who* merchandise,' says **Henry Friedenberg**, a Los Angeles dealer, 'but if you bought one of each it would cost you a couple of thousand dollars.'"

The article goes on to talk with several other SF and comic store owners, including one who notes that the market for *Doctor Who* items "hasn't peaked yet," and is rivaling the *Star Trek* market. The *Journal* concludes the item with the following:

"The TV show even spurs sales of **the Doctor's** favorite candy — Jelly Babies — despite premium prices."

In the category of famous *Who* fans: The December 23, 1984 issue of *the New York Times Magazine* featured an article by **Nora Ephron** on owning a VCR, illustrated by cartoonist **Edward Gorey** (best-known for his opening to the PBS series *Mystery!*). **Gorey's** drawing included a stack of videocassettes, with the following titles: Enlightenment, Castrovalva, The Visitation, Mawdryn Undead, Planet of Fire, and The Five Doctors. Since **Ephron** never mentions *Doctor Who*, it's clear that **Gorey** is a true *Who* fan.

INTRODUCTION

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how many didn't know there was a **DOCTOR WHO** comic and, you guessed it, the other two thirds of the audience raised their hands. Well, the message was clear. Right then and there I decided I had to start a campaign to spread the word. To not rest until every last Whovian was aware that this comic book was being published — for them! You can help spread the word, too! Tell your fellow Whovians about us and tell them what they've been missing! In the meantime, I hope to attend as many **DOCTOR WHO** conventions as possible to keep us from becoming Marvel's best kept secret. I've got a few other tricks up my sleeve, but I'll tell you about them as soon as they become realities. And if you have any suggestions on how to spread the word — let me know! After all, we're in this together.

One last observation. All during the convention I had a strange sense of *deja vu*. Then it hit me. *Doctor Who* is about as popular now as *Star Trek* was when the Star Trek Conventions were just beginning. I'm convinced that if we just keep it up, it won't be long until all North America is *Doctor Who* crazy. Live long and prosper. Er, I meant — see you in the future.

Jim Salicrup

STAR TIGERS

THE 26th CENTURY. THE DRACONIAN EMPIRE STANDS ALOOF FROM THE CONFLICT BETWEEN EARTH AND THE DALEKS. BUT PRINCE SALANDER HAS ALLOWED ABSLOM DAAK, THE DALEK-KILLER, TO LAND ON DRACONIA. AS A RESULT OF WHICH, BOTH OF THEM HAVE BEEN ARRESTED...

AND EVEN HOUSE-ARREST ON SALANDER'S ESTATE IS STILL PRISON TO ABSLOM DAAK.

THREE DAYS THEY'VE KEPT US COUPED UP HERE!

I CAN UNDERSTAND THEM LOCKING YOU UP. BUT WHY ME?

MOORE-DILLON

BECAUSE GIVING YOU LANDING PERMISSION ISSS THE ONLY 'CRIME' THEY CAN PROVE AGAINSST ME

THEY'RE KEEPING THE CRIMINAL AND THE 'EVIDENCE' TOGETHER

BUT THAT'S THREE DAYS I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET HELP FOR TALYIN. THREE DAYS I HAVEN'T KILLED A DALEK.!

BE CALM ABSSSLOM DAAK! YOU'RE LIKE A CAGED

TIGER?

I WASSS ABOUT TO SSSAY THORION BUT THE MEANING ISSS THE SSSAME

BESSSIDESSS IF WE CANNOT LEAVE MY RESSSIDENCE, SSSTILL MY ESSSTATE ISSS LARGE! RELAX! ENJOY YOURSSSELF UNTIL THISSS ISSS OVER...

COME I HAVE SSSOMETHING TO SHOW YOU IN THE REAR BLOCK...

SSSOMETHING A WARRIOR LIKE YOU MIGHT APPRECIATE

MY FAMILY HAVE BEEN THE BIGGESSST SSSPACE-SHIP MANUFACTURERSSS ON DRACONIA FOR THREE GENERATIONSSS. OUR MAIN SHIPYARD ISSS ON THE WESSSTERN CONTINENT

BUT I DO MOSSST OF THE DEVELOPMENT WORK HERE...

FOR SSSOME TIME I HAVE BEEN BUILDING A *NEW CRUISER* YOU MIGHT CALL IT A HEAVILY-ARMED *GUN-SHIP* TO COMBAT THE *DALEK* THREAT

THERE! THE FIRST PROTOTYPE IMPERIAL CLASS FRONTIER DEFENCE CRUISER

YOU CAN CALL IT WHAT YOU LIKE SALANDER

ME I'D CALL IT A REAL GOOD-LOOKING *KILL-WAGON!*

IT'SSS DESSSIGNED FOR DEEP-SSSPACE COMBAT *AND* GROUND ATTACK LASER-CANNON SHIP-TO-SHIP MISSSILESSS WITH PHOTON-FUSION WARHEADSSS A NEUTRINO-CONVERSION NUCLEAR-BOMBING FUNCTION

CREW?

NORMALLY SSSIX A SSCRATCH CREW OF *FOUR*

BUT *ONE MAN* COULD FLY IT

IS THAT SOME KIND OF *OFFER?*

ONE MAN *COULD* FLY IT BUT HE'D NEED AT LEAST *ONE MORE* TO HANDLE THE WEAPONRY! IS SHE *FUELED?*

YESSS BUT DO NOT JUMP TO *CONCLUSSIONSSS*, ABSSSLOM DAAK! I CANNOT GO WITH YOU

WHY *NOT?* IT'S THE EASIEST WAY OUT OF ALL YOUR PROBLEMS

AH DO NOT THINK ME A *FOOL*, ABSSSLOM BUT I HAVE A YOUNG *SSSON* IN THE IMPERIAL SSSPACE-SSSERVICE

IF I WERE TO FLEE THEY WOULD PUNISH HIM *ALSSSO*, AND RUIN MY FAMILY! DO NOT ASSSK ME TO DO *THAT*.

OKAY DO WHAT YOU WANT BUT DON'T EXPECT *ME* TO PUT UP WITH THIS IMPRISONMENT MUCH *LONGER*...

BESIDES PEOPLE WHO TAG ALONG WITH ME USUALLY *DON'T LIVE VERY LONG!*

HUH I SEE YOU'VE GOT A *VISITOR*

KARINSSS! WHY'SSS HE *D'SSSIRING HIMSSSELF* COMING HERE?

GENERAL KARINIS OF THE DRACONIAN IMPERIAL COMMAND ONE OF SALANDER'S FELLOW-OFFICERS
I BRIBED THE GUARDSSS THEY WON'T SSSAY A WORD!
BUT I THOUGHT YOU OUGHT TO KNOW THAT AXIROW AND PRALISSS ARE PRESSSENTING AN ACCUSSSATION TO THE EMPEROR AGAINSST YOU! IT'SSS LOOKING BAD
AH, IF ONLY WE MILITARY OFFICIALSSS OF THE LEFT HAD THE EMPEROR'S EAR.
BUT THERE ISSS WORSSSE, TOO THE EMPEROR [illegible] OUR SHIPSSS TO ENGAGE THE DALEKSSS
"YESSSTERDAY ONE OF OUR GEOLOGICAL SSSURVEY-SHIPSSS SSSTRAYED INTO DALEK SSSPACE THEY ATTACKED AND PURSSSUED IT
"THEY DESSSTROYED IT WHEN IT HAD ALMOSST CROSSSED THE BORDER-LINE WITHIN GUN RANGE OF ONE OF OUR FRONTIER-SCOUTSSS
"IT'SSS COMMANDER DEFYED THE IMPERIAL ORDER AND HELD HISSS FIRE!"
THE REGISSSTRATION OF THE SSSCOUT-SHIP ISSS DT-447...
MY SSSON'SSS SHIP!?!
NO. NOT MY SSSON I HAVE NO WEAKLING SSSON LIKE THAT!
LEAVE NOW KARINISSS DENY YOU WERE EVER HERE! DO NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN TONIGHT'SSS EVENTSSS.
WE SHALL ESSSCAPE TOGETHER, ABSSSLOM DAAK IN THE KILL WAGON.
HOLD ON SALANDER NOW YOU'RE GETTING AHEAD OF YOURSELF! I MAY BE A FAR BIGGER FOOL THAN YOU
BUT I AM NOT LEAVING THIS PLANET WITHOUT TRYIN'! NOT ALIVE ANYWAY!
I SSSUSSSPECTED ASSS MUCH WHICH ISSS WHY I BROUGHT THESE HERE BEFORE WE WERE ARRESSSTED
BUT IT WILL TAKE YOU TIME TO REACH THE SSSPACE PORT EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT NOTICED

I'LL BLASSST-OFF AN HOUR AFTER NIGHT-FALL AND MEET YOU IN ORBIT IF YOU ARE LUCKY.
AND I'LL MEET YOU IN HELL IF I'M NOT...
MEANWHILE, FAR-OFF IN THE IMPERIAL PALACE
THESE CHARGESSS SSSEEM VERY VAGUE. AXIRON SSOME SSSPECULATION ABOUT SSSALANDER'SSS BUSINESSS-AFFAIRESSS...
AND ONLY THE AFFAIR OF THISSS EARTHMAN HELD AGAINSSST HIM
THE IMPEACHMENT ISSS DISSSMISSSED!
AND I HAVE DECIDED TO INSSPECT THISSS SSSPACE-YACHT THE EARTHMAN ARRIVED IN PERSSSONALLY. YOU WILL ACCOMPANY ME, AXIRON.
AND WHEN SWIFT TIME HAS RACED ON AT THE SPACE PORT
HARD TO KNOW WHAT'SS GOING ON THESE DAYSSS. EVERYONE ACCUSING EVERY-ONE ELSSSE
IT SSS THISSS MURDERING EARTHMAN THAT WORRESSS ME! HAVE YOU HEARD THE SSSTORIES ABOUT HIM?
I KNOW THEY SSSAY HUMANSSS ARE AN INSSSCRUTTABLE RACE... BUT ME MAKESSS ME WORRIED GOING ON GUARD DUTY...
DON'T BE SSSTUPID! HE SSS MILESSS AWAY... AND HE'D NEVER GET THISSS FAR THROUGH SSSECURITY WOULD HE?
WHA ?
AAAGH!!
THIS IS TOO EASY! HARDLY SEEMS TO BE ANYONE ABOUT AND . OH-OH
MAKE WAY FOR THE EMPEROR! SSSTAND ASSSIDE FOR THE IMPERIAL GUARDSSS!

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WHO, DETAINED ON HIS ESTATE, IS ABOUT TO ABSCOND IN A PROTO-TYPE SHIP...

PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE LEFT A STATEMENT CLEARING MY SUBORDINATES AND GIVING MY REASONS FOR LEAVING

BUT I DOUBT IT WOULD EVER REACH THE EMPEROR'S EAR...

SO FAREWELL TO DRACONIA, AND THE EMPTY JOYS OF POSITION AND POWER...

AND DAAK AND I WILL WRITE OUR BITTER TALE ACROSS THE STARS

MOORE • LLOYD

BUT DAAK, CARVING HIS WAY INTO THE SPACE-PORT, FINDS THE EMPEROR ON AN INSPECTION TOUR

DAMN! WHAT'RE HE AND HIS TOADIES DOING AT MY SHIP?

STRAIGHT CHOICE. EITHER I GIVE UP THE RENDEZVOUS WITH SALANDER, OR I TURN HIM OUT!

AND I NEVER WAS MUCH FOR SUBTLETY...

ASSSSASSSSIN!!

AAARGH!!

IT'SSS THE EARTHMAN!

OVER HERE! PROTECT THE EMPEROR!

HELL! MORE OF THEM! IT'S GETTING TOO HOT IN THE OPEN...

SSSTOP HIM!

SO IT LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY SAFE PLACE AROUND HERE IS HERE!

Originally presented in **DOCTOR WHO WEEKLY** #30.

HOLD YOUR FIRE, FOOLSSS! YOU MIGHT HIT THE EMPEROR!
RELAX, FISH-FACE YOU'RE NO USE TO ME DEAD.
BUT THERE'S SOMEONE WHO'S NO USE TO ANYBODY... ANYTIME...
AXIRON!
YET AS THE TREMBLING MINISTER FLEES IN PANIC
BLAST! ONLY WINGED HIM!
AT THAT RANGE I SHOULD HAVE SMEARED HIM ALL OVER THE WALL!
SSSYAARGH!
ANYWAY, YOU AND ME ARE GOING TO WALK OVER TO MY SHIP, AND YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE ME LAUNCHING CLEARANCE. AND NO PURSUIT SHIPS.
AREN'T YOU?!
YESSS. YESSS!
AND MOMENTS LATER.
SO LONG, REPTILE! I'D SAY IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED...
BUT IT WASN'T!
YOORRGH!
AND SOON THEY ARE HEADING STARWARDS
OKAY, HONEY, HERE WE GO...JUST ENOUGH FUEL TO MAKE ORBIT AND JOIN SALANDER
AND NO PLACE ELSE TO GO...
FOR THE RISING SPACE-YACHT CARRIES TWO PERSONS
YOU SSUCCEEDED THEN ABSSSLOM DAAK!
SURE. NO PROBLEM!
BUT WE'RE REAL GLAD TO SEE THAT KILL-WAGON OF YOURS!

ONE ALIVE ONE DEAD

CAREFUL WITH THE CRYOGENIC UNIT, DRAGON!

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO MIYIN, I'M LIKELY TO ANNUL YOUR HALF OF THE PARTNERSHIP BEFORE WE EVEN GET STARTED!

BUT THERE ARE NO MORE MISHAPS FOR DAAK'S ERSTWHILE COMPANION FROM THE PLANET MAZAM

RIGHT, SALANDER. SHE'S STOWED. TAKE US OUT OF HERE...

AND AS THE MAIN ENGINES SNARL INTO LIFE, DAAK REJOINS SALANDER ON THE BRIDGE...

OH, BY THE WAY I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED...

CATCH!

AND SALANDER HAS FINALLY OUGHT

THE EMPEROR'SSS EAR?!?

BUT BEFORE SALANDER CAN SAY A FURTHER WORD

TROUBLE! WE'VE GOT A SHIP HEADING IN ON AN INTERCEPT COURSE!

GET USSS A CLOSE-UP! I'LL TRY TO PICK UP IT'SSS IDENTIFICATION SSSIGNAL!

NO!! THISSS MUSSST BE AXIRON'SSS DOING!

THAT'SSS MY SSSON'SSS SHIP!

YEAH, IT'S GOT TO BE AXIRON. ONLY HE'D COME UP WITH A MEAN TRICK LIKE THAT...!

SETTING SON AGAINST FATHER.

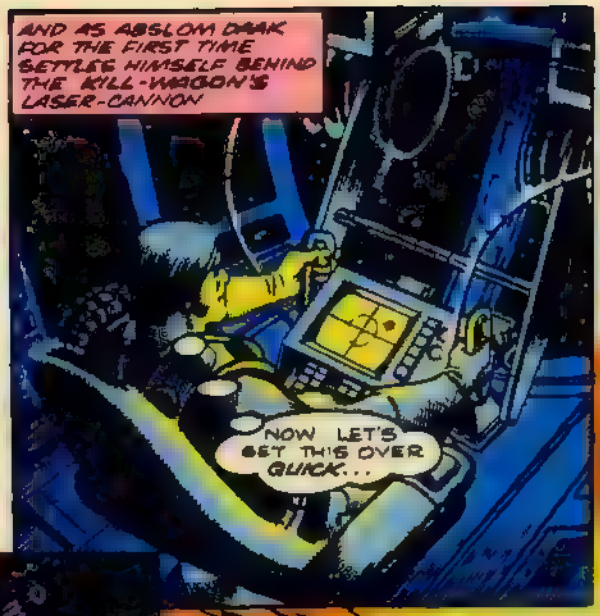
NO! I HAVE ALREADY DYSSSOWNED MY SSSON! THE CRAVEN ANIMAL WHO COMMANDSSS THAT SHIP ISSS NOT OF MY FAMILY!

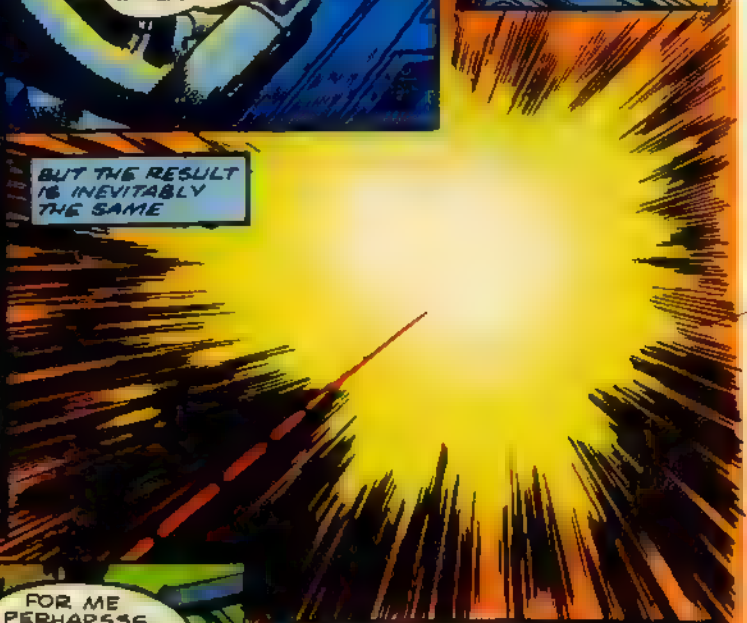
AND THERE ISSS NO CHOICE. IT'SSS THEM OR USSS...!

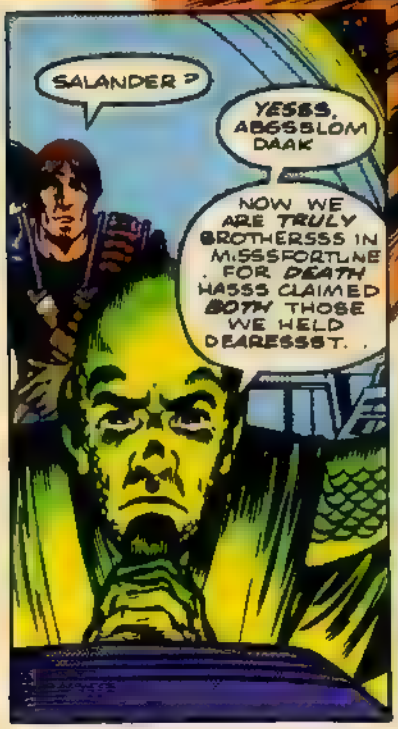
HE MUSSST BE DESSSTROYED!

BUT I'M NOT LETTING AXIRON MAKE YOU DO THAT, SALANDER! YOU JUST FLY US THROUGH THIS..

AND I'LL TAKE THE FRONT TURRET... AND DO IT FOR YOU







MORE NEXT MONTH!

Roger Stern's Old-Fashioned Crunchy-Style Bullpen Bulletins

JIM'S NOT HERE . . .

Yep, the world's tallest editor-in-chief is busy being a writer right now (for more on that, see the Hype Box) so he called yours truly and asked me to take over the Bullpen page for this month. Of course, I was flattered, but at first I didn't know if I wanted to take on the added responsibility. After all, I have a couple books of my own to write! (That's the AVENGERS and DOCTOR STRANGE, for those of you who just walked in off the street and decided to sneak a peek at the magazines on the newsstand. Shame on you, anyway! This ain't no library, you know!)

Where was I? Oh, yes . . . But, Jim . . . I told him, "I'm busy enough as it is! I haven't even finished sending out all of my 1984 Christmas cards yet!" There was a pause at the other end of the phone, and I heard a slight quaver in his voice, as he said, "Ohhh, puh-leeezzzz, Roger! You can talk about anything you want! You can even have your name in big letters at the top of the page!" I'd heard that quaver before. I knew that at the other end of the line tears were starting to well up in those big blood-shot eyes of his. I never could stand the thought of a 6' 7" editor-in-chief crying, so I caved in and agreed to help him out.

Besides, I always wanted my name in big letters at the top of the Bullpen Bulletins!

FAR ABOVE CAYUGA'S WATERS . . .

Eleven years ago, the Comic Book Club of Ithaca was founded in Ithaca, New York, by a band of intrepid comic book collectors for the express purpose of promoting the collection, preservation, and appreciation of that great American art form, the comic book. And they've been doing just that for over a tenth of a century. So why am I telling you this? Well, for one thing, the members of the Club are nice people who do good works and deserve recognition. But mainly, I wanted to tell you about Ithacon, the convention they have every April. I went to my first Ithacon four years ago, and I had so much fun, I moved to Ithaca! This year's convention is Ithacon-10, and it looks to be the best show yet. It's going to be held at the Ithaca Ramada Inn, April 20th and 21st. I'll be there, along with John Buscema, Terry Austin, Walt and Louise Simonson, Jim Shooter, Richard and Wendy Pini, and many more! For more information, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Ithacon-10
P.O. Box 701
Ithaca, NY 14851

We hope to see you there. (Hey, and tell 'em Marvel sent you!)

JUST TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT . . .

No, I won't tell you who the Hobgoblin is!

AND THEN, THERE WAS THE TIME . . .

You know, the great thing about . . . oh, excuse me! The phone's ring ng!

Hello? Oh, hi, Jim! You caught me right in the middle of typing up the Bullpen Bulletins . . . boy, I'm really getting into the swing of this! I never knew this could be so much . . . what's that? I can only fill how many lines? Aw, Jim! I still haven't told about the time I kissed Fred Hembeck's feet . . . or the time you were mistaken for Dave Kingman, back when Kingman was first with the *Mets*. What do you mean, save them for the next time I do the Bullpen Bulletins? Jim? Hello?! Is anybody there?!?

Ahem. Well, it looks like we've run out of space and time . . . which either means we've warped into another dimension, or it's time for me to say good-bye for now. So I will!

See you in the funny papers!

—Roger

HYPE BOX

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Dear Sir or Madam,

HELP!!! I must find out how to contact the *Doctor Who* Fan Club of America and / or the North American *Doctor Who* Appreciation Society. If I don't find out soon, my fanatic husband just might self destruct. He has all of your new **DOCTOR WHO** comics, but he needs more. Won't you please help this pregnant young (?) lady from becoming an early widow? Thanks!

Mary Ellen Kundrat

Check out *Patrick Daniel O'Neill's Who Knows* column in this issue and the next letter, *Mary Ellen*. We're always glad to help. In fact, when you need a baby-sitter, let us know.

Dear Marvel People,

I'm glad you finally brought *Doctor Who* to the comics. I'm a Whovian and have been watching *Doctor Who* since '78 when they started bringing over the first **Baker** episodes. I really enjoy your comic and I have a couple of ideas. 1 — You should have a Who news feature that tells what's happening in the world of *Doctor Who*. 2 — You should show the adventures of the other actors' versions of **the Doctor**. I would really enjoy those features and I'm sure others would too. I really like the Baxter edition of **DOCTOR WHO**.

The following are fan club addresses you may or may not want to give to the readers:

The *Doctor Who* Fan Club of America
P.O. Box 6024
Denver, CO 80206

The following require a stamped, self-addressed envelope:

The Anthony Ainley Fan club
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P.O. Box 733
St. Louis, MO 63188

Mike Stanbridge
1428 State
Quincy, IL 62301

Thanks, *Mike*. What do you think of our new *Who Knows* feature?

Dear **Jim**,

I know you have a large inventory of British *Doctor Who* and I don't mind it, though I subscribe to **DOCTOR WHO MONTHLY** and have seen the art as it was first published in black and white. When your inventory is caught up and you print new material, I would like to see an adaptation of "The Five Doctors." How about it?

John Brittan
Daly City, CA 94015

You're not the only one, John, who would like to see that classic adventure adapted into comics! It's the one we receive the most requests for.

Dear Whovians,

I've been viewing **the Doctor** and his companions for over fourteen years. I've read every one of his paperbacks and have gone to every convention of his in the Boston area. I've been waiting for years to read his adventures in comic book form. How about it? I go to my Comics Shop and there it is! Just sitting there shining, waiting to be bought. And you know what? **I L-O-V-E-D IT!** It was a masterpiece! Hey, I'm one person who's not going to complain! Somebody would have to be crazy not to like it. Excellent! Bravo! Congratulations! How about some **Jon Pertwee** stories? Like the "Green Death" or something like it? Wow!

Matt Cropley
6 Frenette Dr.
Hudson, NH 03051

Thanks, *Matt!*

Dear Marvel,

I would like to say how much I enjoy your new **DOCTOR WHO** comic. It's nice to see that **Doctor Who** is appreciated in other countries as well as our own.

Are you planning to print stories from our **DOCTOR WHO WEEKLY / MONTHLY** only, or will some be from your own mags and comics? Many fans over here have most **Weeklies** and **Monthlies** so it would be nice to see new ones. Will you be changing **the Doctor** occasionally, as having solid **Baker** gives the impression that **the Doctor** is only the **Baker** persona and none of the others. How about a **Troughton** or **Pertwee** story? Keep up the good work.

Andrew Rolfe
56 Portersfield Road
Norwich NR23JX, ENGLAND

Thanks, *Andrew!*

Dear Sir,

I must compliment you on a great sixth issue of your **DOCTOR WHO** comic book. Your main story, "Dragon's Claw," brings back one of my favorite enemies, **the Sontarans**. The back-up stories, "Deathworld" and the first episode of **Absiom Daak — Dalek Killer**, were both superb stories. I have been following your comic since issue one. I have yet to be disappointed by it. The artistry and writing are top quality. In fact, the artistry of **Mr. Gibbons** has attracted me to a certain company's comic of a man with a green power ring.

I was wondering about the UK comic book. Is there any way to get it in North America? Can you get subscriptions to it? I was also wondering what company publishes the *Doctor Who* and **Daleks** Annuals and are they available in North America? One more question. Will Marvel publish more U.K. titles?

Donald Moore
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Trail, B.C. V1R 4JS
CANADA

Thanks, *Donald*. *DOCTOR WHO MONTHLY*, now called *THE OFFICIAL DOCTOR WHO MAGAZINE*, is available at selected

outlets throughout North America. If you can't find it at your favorite comics shop, simply subscribe by using the subscription coupon on this page. The *Doctor Who* Annuals are published by World Distributors. We're not planning to reprint any material created by our London office other than *DOCTOR WHO* yet, but if you want to find out what they've been up to, you can write to the same address that's on the subscription coupon below for more information. You may also want to check out recent issues of *CAPTAIN AMERICA* which guest-starred *Captain Britain*. It's jolly good fun.

And now for something completely different . . . a letter that was sent to Marvel's *FANTASTIC FOUR* title . . .

Dear Gang of Created Geniuses,

My fingers tremble before my typewriter. My muscles tense, and softly in the background the theme to *The Natural* starts up.

After twenty years of comics reading, I have worked up my courage. I am going after something only few have achieved, though many have tried. I'm going for it. The gold. The ultimate.

The No-Prize.

My claim is being one of the hundred people who have noticed the slight allusions to *Doctor Who* that have been popping up in your book. Obviously, someone is a fan.

Conditions: The titles and opponents have at times reflected the names of *Doctor Who* programs: **Terminus** and The Mask of Mantragora (the masque of mandragora). You have shown a regeneration of a *Doctor* (**Dr. Doom**, but a regeneration nevertheless!). The main battle sequence of #274 was remarkably similar to the *Doctor Who* adventure, "War Games," although there, the mastermind, while from another time and place (the same as the hero!), was **the War Chief**. You have someone taking a time-flight and even named **Reed's** father **Nathaniel**, a.k.a. **Nathan**, as in **John NATHAN Turner**, producer of *Doctor Who*.

It's enough to suggest that when **Terminus** finally burrows out, the story will be called "Earthshock."

That's my argument. O.K., maybe finding an author's allusions in the series is not enough for a No-Prize. In that case, I will settle for the **Stan Lee** award for extreme cleverness, awarded for picking up on obscure in-references in Marvel comics.

Please send me a photostat of my award, along with the prize money and the 1984 fantasticar to:

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